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In re Application: Richard M. Gibson et al.

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Examiner: N. Torrres Velazquez

Art Unit: 1771

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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2003, Applicant submits herein a Response. If any fees are required for the accompanying Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account 09-0528.

Remarks

The Examiner asserts that the pending patent application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species: (a) a woven fabric, and (b) a knitted fabric. The Examiner requires that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant hereby elects (a), the woven fabric construction of the present invention.

Applicant acknowledges that Claims 1 and 12 are generic. Accordingly, the applicant elects to prosecute Claims 1-5, 9-15, and 18-20.

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